AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented ~~calendaring~~ method comprising:

receiving an inputs for a first of a plurality of time-periods of a first party's calendar ~~for a time-period, with the inputs being submitted by~~ from a second party, the first and second parties being different parties, and the second party ~~having an identification identifiable to be characterized by~~ being associated with~~at least one of~~ a group affiliation and/or a user type, and the group affiliation and/or user type having a plurality of access privileges for the time-periods of the first party's calendar;

processing said received input in accordance with the access privilege of the second party's associated ~~at least one of~~ group affiliation and/or user type for the first time period ~~characterizable identification~~.

2. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 1, ~~including~~ further comprising defining, before said receiving, the access privileges of ~~at least one identification and an~~ the group affiliation and/or user type, ~~associated access privilege~~for the plurality of time-periods of ~~to~~ said calendar~~, with each of said at least one pre-defined identification being characterizable by at least one of group affiliation an user type; and wherein said selected identification of said second party corresponds to one of said at least one pre-defined identification, and said processing includes granting said second party an access ability to said calendar associated with said selected identification of said second party~~.

3. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 1, ~~including receiving inputs by said first party of at least one identification and an associated calendar access privilege, with each of said at least one identification being characterizable by at least one of group affiliation and user type, and each of said at least one associated calendar~~ wherein the access privileges includ~~ing~~ a first access privilege ~~at least one of~~ with an ability to read data of ~~said~~

~~calendar for only specified calendar~~ said first time-slots, and an ability to write data into ~~said calendar for only specified~~ the first time-slots~~; and wherein said identification of said second party corresponds to one of said at least one identification inputted by said first party, and said processing includes granting said second party the associated calendar access privilege~~.

4. (Currently amended) A computer implemented ~~calendaring~~ method comprising:

receiving a request for calendar entry or entries for a first of a plurality of time-periods of ~~for~~ a first party's calendar ~~for a time-period~~, wherein the request is ~~being~~ submitted by a second party ~~having an identifier identifiable to be characterized by~~associated with ~~at least one of~~ a group affiliation and/or a user type, the first and second parties being different parties, and the group affiliation and/or user type having a plurality of access privileges for the plurality of time-periods of the first party's calendar;

selectively providing calendar entry or entries for the first ~~party's calendar for the~~ time-period, in accordance with the access privilege of the ~~second party's at least one of~~ group affiliation and/or user type for the first time period ~~characterized identifier in response to said request~~.

5. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 4, further ~~including~~ comprising defining, before said receiving, the access privileges of the ~~at least one identifier before said receiving, with each of said at least one pre-defined identifier being characterizable by at least one of~~ group affiliation and/or user type, for the time-periods of said calendar ~~wherein said selected identifier of said second party is one of said at least one pre-defined identifier~~.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 4, ~~further including defining at least one identifier before said receiving, including defining at least one time-period associated with each pre-defined identifier, with each time-period being a time-period where a party having the corresponding pre-defined identifier is authorized for one~~ wherein the

access privileges include an access privilege with an ability of writing an entry into~~for~~ said ~~calendar~~first time-period and ~~for~~an ability of viewing an entry in said ~~calendar~~first time-period.

8. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method ~~of reading data from at least one time slot and writing data into at least one time slot of a first user's computer system maintained calendar~~ comprising:

designating by a~~said~~ computer system a plurality of access privileges to ~~a second user~~ a plurality of time--periods~~slot based calendar access privilege to said~~ of a first user's calendar for a user group and/or user type~~, wherein the time slot based calendar access privilege includes at least one of a time slot based calendar read access privilege and a time slot based calendar write access privilege, with the time slot based calendar read access privilege specifying an ability to read data only from a first subset of time slots, and said the time slot based calendar write access privilege including an ability to write data only into a second subset of time slots, and wherein at least one of said first and second subsets having less than all available time slots~~;

~~reading~~ determining by said computer system ~~of a user's user identification identifying the user to be said~~ that a second user being a member of said user group and/or type; and

granting and/or denying access~~permission~~ by the computer system to a first of the plurality of time-periods to said second user ~~to access data of said first user's calendar in accordance with said time slot based calendar~~ in accordance with the access privilege for the first time-period of the user group and/or type determined ~~designated~~ for said second user.

9. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 wherein said second user has a user identification identifiable to ~~one of a~~ the user group ~~affiliation~~ and/or ~~a user~~ type.

10. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 further including reading into said computer system said second user's user identification and said ~~time-slot based calendar~~ access privileges~~, as an input to said designating~~.

11. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 further including the computer system facilitating said first user in providing said ~~second user's user identification~~ use group and/or type, and said ~~time-slot based calendar~~ access privileges.

12. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 further including the computer system facilitating the second user in inputting data into ~~selected ones of said second subset of~~ the first time-~~-periods~~slots, the user group and/type having an access privilege to the first time-period including an ability to ~~in accordance with said time-slot based~~ write ~~access privilege, and reading~~ data ~~from selected ones of said first subset of~~ into the first time period ~~-slots in accordance with said time-slot based read access privilege~~.

13. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 wherein said calendar includes an event that spans the first and at least a ~~third subset of~~second time-period~~slots~~, ~~where only some of said third subset of time-slots overlaps with said first subset of time-slots, and said event having both time-slot data and descriptive data; wherein~~ and the method further comprises said computer system omittings ~~said~~ descriptive data of~~when~~ said event ~~is accessed by~~ when said second user accesses sais first time period, if said user group and/or type does not has read access to all of said at least a second time-period, even if said user group and/or type has read access to said first time-period.

14. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 further including ~~writing data to selected ones of said second subset of time-slots, including at least one of~~ the computer system facilitating the second user in editing data- for ~~one or more of said second subset of~~ the first time-period~~slots~~, creating an event record for ~~one or more of said second subset of~~ the first time-period~~slots~~, inserting data into ~~one or more of said second subset of~~ the first

time-periodslots, deleting data ~~in one or more of said second subset of~~ from the forst time-periodslots, and/or deleting an event record ~~in one or more of said second subset of~~from the first time-periodslots, in accordance with the user group and/or type's access privilege for the first time-period.

15. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 wherein ~~each of said~~ first ~~and second subsets of~~ time-periodslots includes ~~at least one of~~ a time-period ~~on at least~~ of one specific date, ~~and~~ a corresponding time-period on each of a number of week days of a~~each~~ week, or a corresponding time-period on each of a week day of a number of weeks.

16. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 further including ~~writing data to selected ones of said second subset of time-slots, including at least one of~~ the computer system facilitating the second user in categorizing a meeting, categorizing an appointment, categorizing a reminder, categorizing an event, categorizing an anniversary, categorizing a family event, categorizing a school meeting, and/or categorizing a social event for said first user's calendar.

17. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 8 wherein ~~said time slot based calendar access privilege further includes an event type time slot based calendar access privilege including at least one of an event type and time slot based calendar read access privilege that includes an ability to read data only from said first subset of time slots for a specified event type, and an event type and time slot based calendar write access privilege that includes an ability to write data only into said second subset of time slots for a specified event type~~ said granting and/or denying access is further based on an event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-period by said second user.

18. (Withdrawn) An article of manufacture including one or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a plurality of programming instructions for implementing a

computer-hosted calendar to be executed by at least one processor, that when executed perform the following operations:

designate to a user of said calendar a specific access ability based on a characteristic of said user;

process a request to access said calendar based on said characteristic based designated access ability.

19. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacture defined in claim 18, wherein said specific access ability includes an ability to perform at least one of read data from only specific read-data time-periods of said calendar, and write data into only specific write-data time-periods of said calendar; and wherein said process includes at least one of retrieve data for said user in conformance with said read-data time-period specification, and update said calendar in conformance with said write-data time-period specification.

20. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacture defined in claim 18 wherein said operations further include before said designate,

associate with each of at least one user characteristics an access ability to said calendar, with each associated access ability including an ability to at least perform one of only read data from specific read-data time-periods of said calendar, and only write data into specific write-data time-periods of said calendar; and wherein said designated specific access ability includes the associated access ability corresponding to said characteristic of said user.

21. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacture defined in claim 18 wherein said operations include read from an administrative user of said calendar said characteristic and the specific access ability to be designated before said designating.

22. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacturing defined in claim 18 wherein said operations include read from an owner of said calendar said characteristic and said specific access ability to be designated.

23. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacturing defined in claim 18 wherein said characteristic includes one of an individual identifier, a group affiliation, and a user type.

24. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacturing defined in claim 18 wherein said specific access ability includes an ability to read data from specific read-data time-periods of said calendar, and wherein if said calendar includes at least one event that spans a plurality of time-periods, with only some of which are read-data time periods, and each of said at least one event includes both time-period data and descriptive data, then said process includes reading data from said specific read-data time periods and omitting said descriptive data.

25. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacturing defined in claim 18 wherein said operations include read from an owner of said calendar, before said designate, a first characteristic and an associated first specific access ability, and at least one second characteristic that is assigned the specific access ability associated with said first characteristic, and wherein if said user characteristic is equivalent to one of said at least one second characteristic, said user is designated said first access ability as its specific access ability.

26. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacturing defined in claim 18 wherein said process includes, if said designated specific access ability includes an ability to write into said calendar for specific write-data time-periods, process a request to write data into said calendar for said write-data time –periods, and if said designated specific access ability includes an ability to read data from said calendar for specific read-data time-periods, process a request to read data from said calendar for said read-data time-periods.

27. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacturing defined in claim 18 wherein said specific access ability includes an ability to perform at least one of read data from only specific event type time-periods of said calendar, and write data into only specific event type read-data time

periods of said calendar; and wherein said process includes at least one of retrieve data for said user in conformance with said read-data time–period specification, and update said calendar in conformance with said write-data time period specification.

28. (Withdrawn) The article of manufacturing defined in claim 18 wherein said process further includes said user updating said calendar with specified event type data.

29. (New) A computer readable medium comprising:

storage medium; and

a number of programming instructions stored in the storage medium, and designed to program an apparatus to enable the apparatus to

designate a plurality of access privileges to a plurality of time-periods of a first user's calendar for a user group and/or user type,

determine that a second user being a member of said user group and/or type, and

grant and/or deny access to a first of the plurality of time-periods to said second user in accordance with the access privilege for the first time-period of the user group and/or type determined for said second user.

30. (New) The storage medium of claim 29 wherein the programming instructions are further adapted to enable the apparatus to perform said granting and/or denying access based on an event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-period by said second user.

31. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a calendar module operated by the processor, and adapted to facilitate

designating a plurality of access privileges to a plurality of time-periods of a first user's calendar for a user group and/or user type,

determining that a second user being a member of said user group and/or type, and

granting and/or denying access to a first of the plurality of time-periods to said second user in accordance with the access privilege for the first time-period of the user group and/or type determined for said second user.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the calendar module is further adapted to perform said granting and/or denying access based on an event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-period by said second user.